

REMARKS

In response to the Communication mailed December 3, 2007, the Applicants provide herewith a Substitute Sequence Listing.

The Substitute Sequence Listing adds SEQ ID NO: 12 which corresponds to the sequence described by GenBank J04368 (see attached print out, last revised on October 4, 1994) which is disclosed on page 6, line 9 of the specification.

Page 8 of the specification and the feature section of SEQ ID NO: 12 has been revised to clearly identify the encapsidation signals previously disclosed on page 8 of the specification. A numbering error in the (A_{IV}) has been corrected and now reads "228-232" which is consistent with and apparent from the previously disclosed sequence information. A_X, A_{XI} and A_{XII} are described on page 7, line 14.

Nucleotide 409 is the first nucleotide of the TATA box, which actually encompasses nucleotides 409-415 which was known in the art and is indicated in the revision of October 4, 1994 of GenBank J04368. Nucleotide 439 is the transcription initiation site of E1A.

In view of the above remarks, the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been introduced.

Sequence Listing Statement

The sequences shown in this electronically filed Substitute Sequence Listing are identical to the sequences disclosed in this application. If a paper copy has been filed, the sequences shown in the paper copy are identical to those filed electronically or otherwise provided in computer readable form (CRF).

CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicants respectfully request an early examination on the merits.

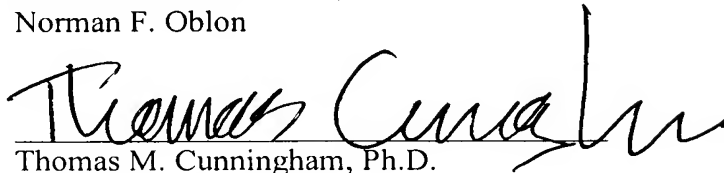
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